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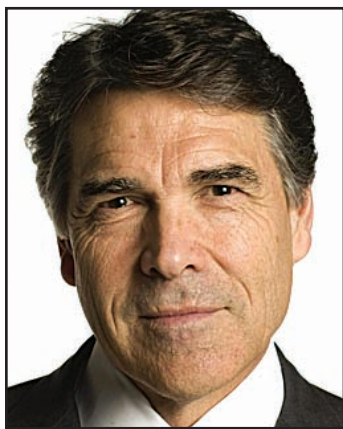
Perry drops out, endorses Gingrich in US race

CHARLESTON (AFP) - Texas Governor Rick Perry quit the US presidential race yesterday and endorsed former House speaker Newt Gingrich for the Republican nomination.

"I have come to the conclusion that there is no viable path forward for me in this 2012 campaign. Therefore today I am suspending my campaign and endorsing Newt Gingrich for president of the United States," Perry said.

"As a Texan, I've never shied away from a fight, particularly when I considered the cause to be righteous, but... I know when it's time to make a strategic retreat."

Perry's campaign had been flagging for a while but the endorsement represents a major boost for Gingrich as he seeks to overcome Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney in South



Rick Perry

Carolina's crucial primary on Saturday.

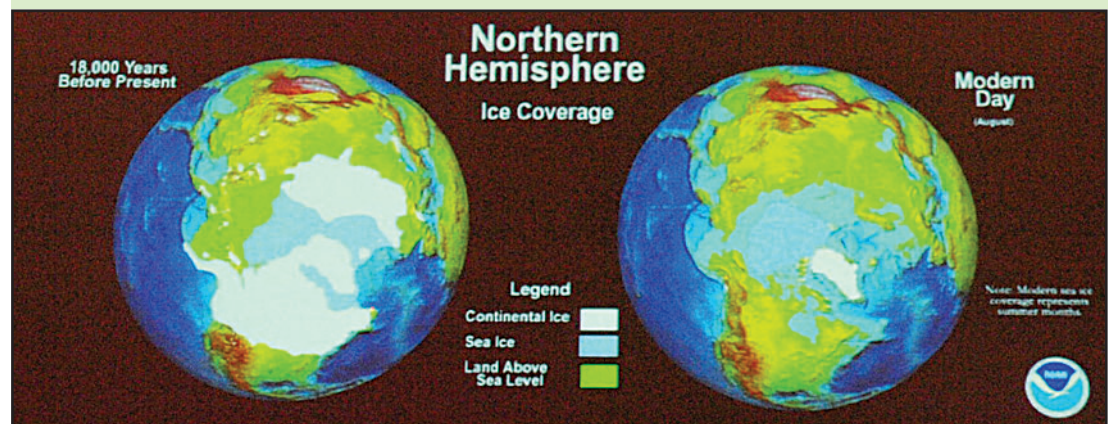
The four remaining candidates -- Gingrich, Romney, Christian conservative Rick Santorum and veteran Texas congressman Ron Paul -- will battle it out on Thursday night in the final South Carolina debate before Saturday's vote.

Aruba was honored to welcome this week Professor Daniel Schrag, the Sturgis Hooper Professor of Geology at Harvard and Director of Harvard University Center for the Environment, (HUCE) along with five other professors from Harvard, for two days of intensive workshops with island legislators. Their goals were to form a viable plan for the sustainable development of Aruba, on many levels, environment, energy, social and financial, which the current administration contends are inextricably entwined. The culmination of the visit was a lecture at the University of Aruba on Wednesday evening.

Professor Schrag, an advisor to the White House on climate change, had some disturbing graphs and projections regarding the subject, backed by painstaking testing and research from a vast array of scientists, who he asserts are "the most conservative" in putting forward information as

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fact, requiring at least 95% confirmation of their findings before doing so.

Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman, personally introduced the speaker, and ex-

pressed his deep gratitude for the interest of the visiting Harvard professors, and Schrag's important role in bringing them to the island.

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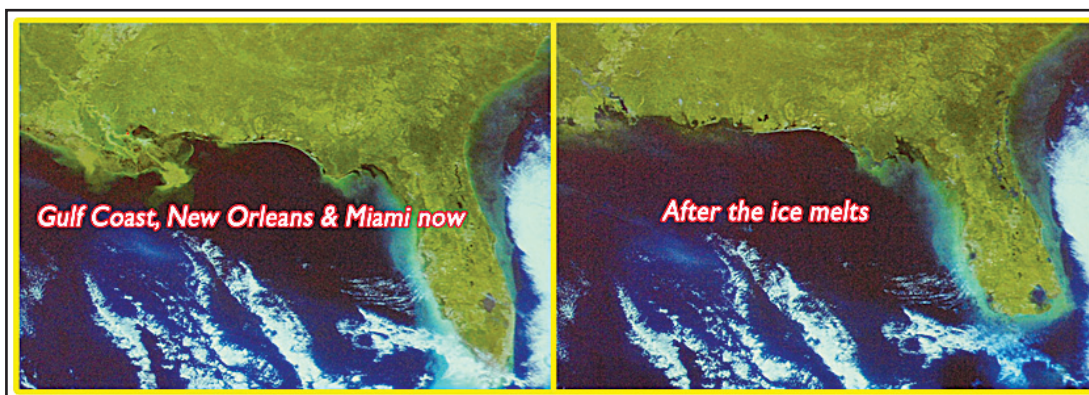
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Effect of southern Greenland ice melt

The evening's talk began with graphs tracing the growth in population and popularity of fossil fuels for industry and energy (as opposed to previous methods, such as wood-burning) and the correlation to the deposit of CO₂ in the earth's atmosphere, with an alarming rate of accumulation.

Regarding explosive population growth and extension of life expectancy-the world can expect this will create food shortages as vast tracts of arable land is depleted and left unusable; Professor Schrag paid homage to agronomist Norman Borlaug, who died in 2009, for developing a strain of wheat that was radically more productive than known previously, increasing production of this vital grain by 30%. However even Borlaug, upon being awarded the Nobel Prize in 1970 pointed out:

“The Green Revolution has

won a temporary success in man's war against hunger and deprivation; it has given man a breathing space. If fully implemented, the revolution can provide sufficient breathing space for 3 decades. But the frightening power of human reproduction must be curbed; otherwise, the success of the Green Revolution will be ephemeral only.” Since the world has surpassed the 7 billion population mark this year, his advice was not heeded and the 3 decades he mentions, have passed.

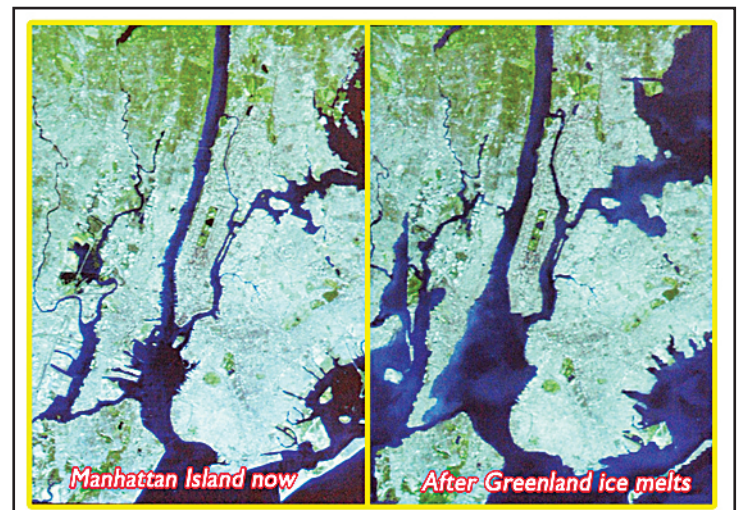
Combine the population growth with loss of arable land and increasing atmospheric temperatures, world leaders and individuals will be facing some serious challenges within the next 50 to 100 years, warns Dr. Schrag. A 1C° rise in temperature results in a 10% decrease in grain yields and there is a 90% probability that gro-

wing seasonal temperatures in the tropics and subtropics by the end of this century will exceed the most extreme temperatures recorded from 1900 until 2006.

Also, the rising temperatures, “global warming” is being demonstrated by the melting of snowcaps in nations that depend on them to provide their crop irrigation through to the harvest, but their reduction results in depletion of water sources by the end of spring, with subsequent droughts and loss of crops.

These are the direct effects that can be seen by the poisoning of the atmosphere from carbon emissions and how they will affect the world's food supply. The other major concern is the melting of such ice packs as Southern Greenland and the radical rise in sea levels, something that is already negatively impacting islands in the Pacific. Dramatic graphs demonstrating the complete immersion of cities such as Miami and New Orleans, and the likelihood of Battery Park and Wall Street being underwater, (which might please some Occupy Wall Street people) brought gasps from a packed house that came to hear what Professor Schrag had to say.

Though such terms as “poisoning the atmosphere” perhaps sound overly dramatic, by the information imparted by Professor Schrag, it is com-

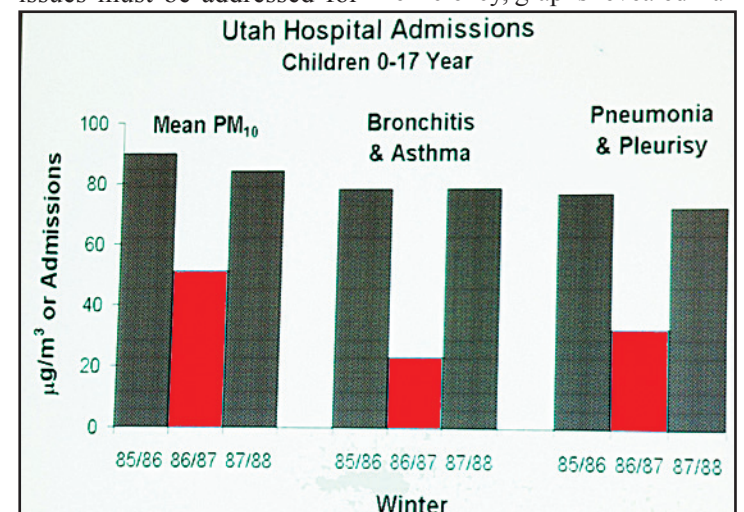


Manhattan Island after sea levels rise

pletely accurate. An interesting exclamation point to this was a study done in Utah, where steel mills, heavy duty producers of carbon emissions, are a foundation of the economy. One of the steel mills was out of commission for a month; the graph attached shows in red the radical reduction in hospital admissions for children ages 0-17 for respiratory ailments during that time. A direct correlation is unavoidable, so when the speaker stated the issues must be addressed for

producing even greater levels of CO₂ than oil, and still the top choice of industry for producing cheap energy. The U.S. used to be the main offender, producing 50% of the world's emissions, but China now shares that dubious honor with the U.S. and is racing to build more coal burning factories and power plants at a startling rate.

Interestingly enough, when explaining that cost and efficiency of consumption drives efficiency, graphs revealed Eu-



Reduction of hospital admissions while steel mill closed

our children, he is talking about not only a few generations down the line, but here and now.

Fossil fuel burning is the great culprit here; cheap coal

rope far more efficient in their energy consumption than the U.S., “which comes as no surprise to anyone,” stated the professor.

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US Vice Consul to visit Aruba next week

ORANJESTAD -- The United States Vice Consul for the Dutch islands in the Caribbean is expected to be in Aruba next Monday, January 23rd. The Vice Consul will set up a one day office at the Department of Foreign Affairs (Buitenlandse Betrekkingen) situated at J.E. Irausquinplein #2. Office hours will be from 9:00 o'clock in the morning to 12:00 noon.

The Vice Consul will offer the following services:

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3. Applications for passport renewals

Persons applying for the renewal of a US passport are in-

structed to use the DS-82 form. Visit their website for instructions: www.travel.state.gov.

Everyone using the DS-11 form must appear in person at the office. Persons under 16 years of age applying for a passport must use the DS-11 form and must appear in person accompanied by both parents.

It is required that you appear with the passport and a copy of the passport of both parents along with the birth certificate of the child.

In the event one of the parents cannot be present, the parent will be required to submit a notarized declaration stating that the absent parent authorizes the renovation of the passport of the under age child (form DS-2653). The parent

must submit original and photocopies of all documents including the expired passport for each application.

If documents are to be sent by mail or through a courier service, the applicant must submit proof of payment to the entity and all relevant information to which the documents must be sent.

If the document must be collected by another person other than the applicant, that person must appear in person with a letter signed by the applicant authorizing them to receive the document on the behalf of the applicant.

For more information, please contact the Department of Foreign Affairs at Tel. 583-4705.

Announcement of the Aruba Police Force regarding the sale of goods during Carnaval events

Everyone who files a petition to sell goods during the Carnaval 2012 season must have the following:

1. A passport photo
2. Afls 5 Census paper (Census Office)
3. Valid I.D. or a work permit
4. An Afls 4 stamp
5. The license fee is Afls 225 and must be paid at once.

For information and to get the petition forms interested persons can go to the Palace of Justice at Macuarima from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For additional information readers may contact Ms. Isolda at tel. 5272900. The last day to file a petition is February 3, 2012, after this date there will be no exceptions

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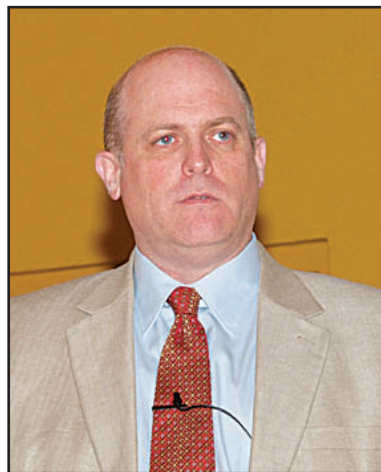
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Dr Daniel Schrag

However, within the U.S., California proved to be markedly more efficient than the remainder of the country by 40%, and Professor Schrag credits the vision and action of legislators in passing strict building codes that promote energy efficiency and laws regarding air conditioning use and other consumer products, which made a notable difference. National leaders looking to improve the situation within their countries would do well to take note of the enforced practices and their benefits.

Regarding the switch to harnessing renewable energy sources and how this impacts the island, he said "Aruba is an incredibly exciting place as it is rich in the renewable resources of sun and wind, but figuring out the management – right now Aruba is at the cutting edge of these technologies ... and I think there is an opportunity to work together in finding solutions. Presently, cost matters, the

price of producing electricity matters." Unlike the U.S., which can produce energy cheaply with coal, Aruba, like many island nations, is reliant on expensive oil, which is a very volatile commodity, so changing to renewables will likely reduce the cost of producing energy.

"Stabilizing greenhouse gases by changing behavior or technology (or both) is possible, but looks unlikely now. Even the most optimistic target for greenhouse gas stabilization (450 parts per million) may be intolerable. It remains possible, (even likely) that global efforts will fall far short of what is required to prevent suffering both by human societies and the natural world. Scientists may be labeled "scaremongers" -when actually they are quite conservative in their--assertions."

In closing, Professor Schrag pondered the ability of advancing technology alone to solve the problem; it is also a people and policy issue and solution that is required, which was the premise of workshops taking place January 16 & 17. Closing remarks by Dr. Ryan Peterson of the University of Aruba, who correlated the pertinence of the evening's presentation as to actual negative effects Aruba is experiencing from climate change, and the consequences to island's society and economy, will be continued tomorrow in THE MORNING NEWS.

by Rosalie Klein

Aruba to be in the spotlight with 3G Racing

Last Wednesday in a press conference with Minister Otmar Oduber, Frans Ponson representing the International 3G Racing Organization and Rafael Wever of Tropicana Resort & Casino shared information about the upcoming international racing to begin January 24th.

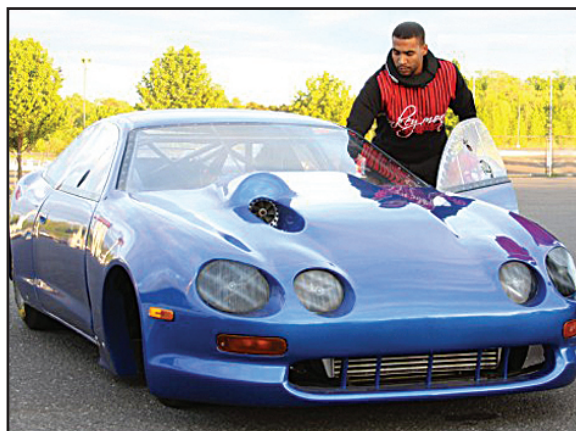
This is the second time that the government of Aruba is supporting this activity. The activity is considered both a sport event as well as a tourism endeavor. The decision to endorse this event is based on the tremendous success of last year, and it promises to be even bigger this year, according to the government.

In less than two years the



visitors will arrive here for this drag racing event. According to the Insel Airline, a large number of people are coming to Aruba from Puerto Rico, the USA, Venezuela and Curacao, among others.

It is expected that the great Don Omar, famous International racer, will be participating with his car and that he will do a special presentation as well.



Don Omar with his racing car

organization has grown and the exposure of Aruba is immense. Aruba receives tremendous exposure not only because of the cars, but especially because of the races. The races are covered in important magazines worldwide.

One day before Aruba's Betico Day celebrations, the 4 days of drag racing begins. A large number of international

According to the government, this certainly adds added value to this drag racing event. According to recent reports, our hotels are running 95% to 98% occupancy rates.

It is certain that the 3G Group is doing a phenomenal job of promoting Aruba with their Aruba automobile. The government has realized that many Arubans are contributing

and helping us in the process of our branding internationally through various means. This event is certainly one of those means.

Frans Ponson reported that because of the magnitude of the event they need a much larger group to help them. Also, that the international media interested in covering the event has grown considerably. There are currently 6 US magazines that have confirmed their presence at the event. Other media expected are from Puerto Rico, Curacao, St. Maarten and Chile, with Brazil still pending.

Much to the delight of Frans Ponson, he has learned that Don Omar has also promoted the Aruba event internationally. In a recent concert, Omar invited all the participants to shout the name of Aruba. According to Frans Ponson, it appears that Don Omar is so happy that he is coming to race in Aruba that he is doing his own promotion and has offered to do an extra show during the event. Everyone of his team, including his mechanics, is all excited about coming to Aruba.

Don Omar's show in Aruba is expected to be one of a kind!

Rafael Wever of the Tropicana Resort and Casino mentioned that last year's drag race produced some income for them, but this year's event is going to be so much bigger. They expect this event to generate a great deal of revenue for the hotel. They expect guests coming from Brazil, Puerto Rico, Bonaire, Curacao, Venezuela and Colombia. They estimate that there is a 120% increase in revenue from sales compared to last year's event. That is how important this event has become for us, declared Rafael Wever. Likewise, other hotels on the island will also benefit from this magnet event. The Tropicana Resort had 75 rooms reserved for the drag people, but they have already surpassed 100 rooms. They had to re-purchase rooms allotted to other groups so they could accommodate everyone for this majestic drag event.

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Oranjestad city center to get three Parking Garages



ORANJESTAD -- In the scope of the renovation projects for the city center of Oranjestad, one of the projects is the addition of a Street Car (Tram). This Street Car is programmed to run from the wharf to the end of the city center and back, and to do so in eight minutes.

The government has noted that one of the major problems in the city center is the lack of sufficient and adequate parking spaces for vehicles. This problem has been taken into consideration in the planning of the renovation projects. Hence, they have incorporated Parking Garages in the projects for the city center. The plans call for the building of three Parking Garages in the city. One is to be built near the Arubus Bus Station, and one at the site of the former Tivoli building. The third Parking Garage will be built at the end

of the city center. The Parking Garage at Tivoli will be undertaken by FCCA and is expected to begin construction later this year.

In addition to these Parking Garages, there will be parking meters installed in and around the center of the city where there will be several parking spaces. The Parking Garage near the Bus Station will have a capacity for more than 1000 vehicles. It is the intention that employees of businesses in the city center as well as shoppers can park their vehicles here and use the Street Car to get to the city center and back in as little as 8 minutes. The Parking Garage will be protected by security measures.

These plans are part of the government's ambitious projects for the improvement of the downtown and city center of Oranjestad.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Weather alert as divers continue Italy cruise search

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - Divers combed the wreck of an Italian liner for a sixth day yesterday, as leaked phone transcripts showed a ship's officer misleading coast guards about the scale of the disaster.

The unidentified officer insisted that there had only been "a blackout" on board some 40 minutes after the giant Costa Concordia crashed into rocks off the picturesque Tuscan island of Giglio on Friday and lurched on to its side.

Eleven bodies have so far been recovered, with officials saying two of the dead had been identified on Thursday as French nationals, while relatives of three of the 21 people still missing visited the scene of the tragedy.

Local authorities issued a weather alert warning that the sea would become "very agitated" late yesterday, raising fears that efforts to search the wreck and an operation to pump out its fuel tanks could be hampered.

"When the waves are high, it's difficult to approach the ship with a dinghy, so helicopters are now installing ladders that will link the ship to the coastline," fire brigade spokesman Luca Cari said at the scene.

At least 100 hurt in Iran earthquake

TEHRAN (AFP) - A 5.5-magnitude earthquake struck the area of the city of Neyshabour in northeast Iran yesterday, injuring at least 100 people and damaging several houses, state media reported.

The jolt hit at 1235 GMT, the reports said.

"In the quake, 100 people were injured. Eighty-three were treated as out patients and

The owner of the 17-deck vessel, Genoa-based Costa Crociere, sought to distance itself further from the ship's arrested captain Francesco Schettino, announcing that it would be a plaintiff in the case against him.

In the first call made by the coastguard to the doomed Costa Concordia, which was leaked to news channel SkyTG24, an officer on the ship is heard denying there was a major crisis even 40 minutes after impact.

"Excuse me, do you have a problem on board?," the coast guard says.

The officer, identified only as a commanding officer, responds: "We had a blackout and we are checking the conditions on board."

The coast guard insists: "What kind of problem are you having? Is it just the generator?" The officer: "We are verifying the conditions."

The call was made by the coastguard after panicked passengers and crew began calling in to say the 114,500 ton ship had suffered a massive impact.

A few minutes later a evacuation from the listing 17-deck liner got under way, with survivors reporting scenes of chaos, confusion and panic.

the rest have been admitted to hospital. We have no reports of any deaths," Khorasan Razavi provincial crisis management director Hojat Ali Shayanfar was quoted as saying.

Local media said around a dozen aftershocks were felt, breaking windows in some houses and causing cracks in walls terrifying some residents.

LALIBELA : A view of the rock-hewn UNESCO protected Church of Saint Emmanuel where Ethiopian Orthodox Christians gather for the annual festival of Timkat in Lalibela, on January 19, 2012.

The Timkat festival marks the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. During Timkat, the Tabot, a model of the Ark of the Covenant is taken out of every Ethiopian church for 24 hours and paraded during a procession in towns across the country.

Over 80 % of Ethiopians are estimated to be Orthodox Christians. Ethiopian Orthodox Christians believe the real Ark of the Covenant, a vessel containing the Ten



Commandments, is held in Aksum. It is guarded by a select group of monks, whose sole commitment is to protect the sacred vessel. (AFP PHOTO)

Obama seeks jobs boost from Chinese, Indian tourists

ORLANDO (AFP) - US President Barack Obama went to Disney World yesterday touting a new jobs-from-tourism plan, but a top Republican rival mocked his trip as new evidence he lived in a political "Fantasyland."

Obama unveiled a proposal to boost jobs in the crucial electoral swing state of Florida and elsewhere by easing visa restrictions for new armies of middle class tourists from booming developing nations like China, India and Brazil.

"More money spent by more tourists means businesses can hire more workers," Obama said on a warm sunny day, speaking against the famed backdrop of Cinderella Castle in Disney's Magic Kingdom theme park.

"We've got the most entertaining destinations in the world.... This is the land of extraordinary natural wonders... this is the land where we do big things," Obama said, promising to make it

easier for trusted travelers to enter the United States despite formidable border security measures.

"I want America to be the top tourist destination in the world."

Eyeing growing tourist dollars in emerging nations like China and Brazil, Obama set a target of increasing non-immigrant visa capacity in those two states by 40 percent in 2012.

Under the plan, 80 percent of such applicants could get interviews with visa officers within three weeks of submitting paperwork, and some

low-risk applicants could see interview requirements waived completely.

Obama also directed his administration to expand a program that allows trusted low-risk frequent travelers who agree to undergo background checks to bypass long lines at US immigration in crowded airports.

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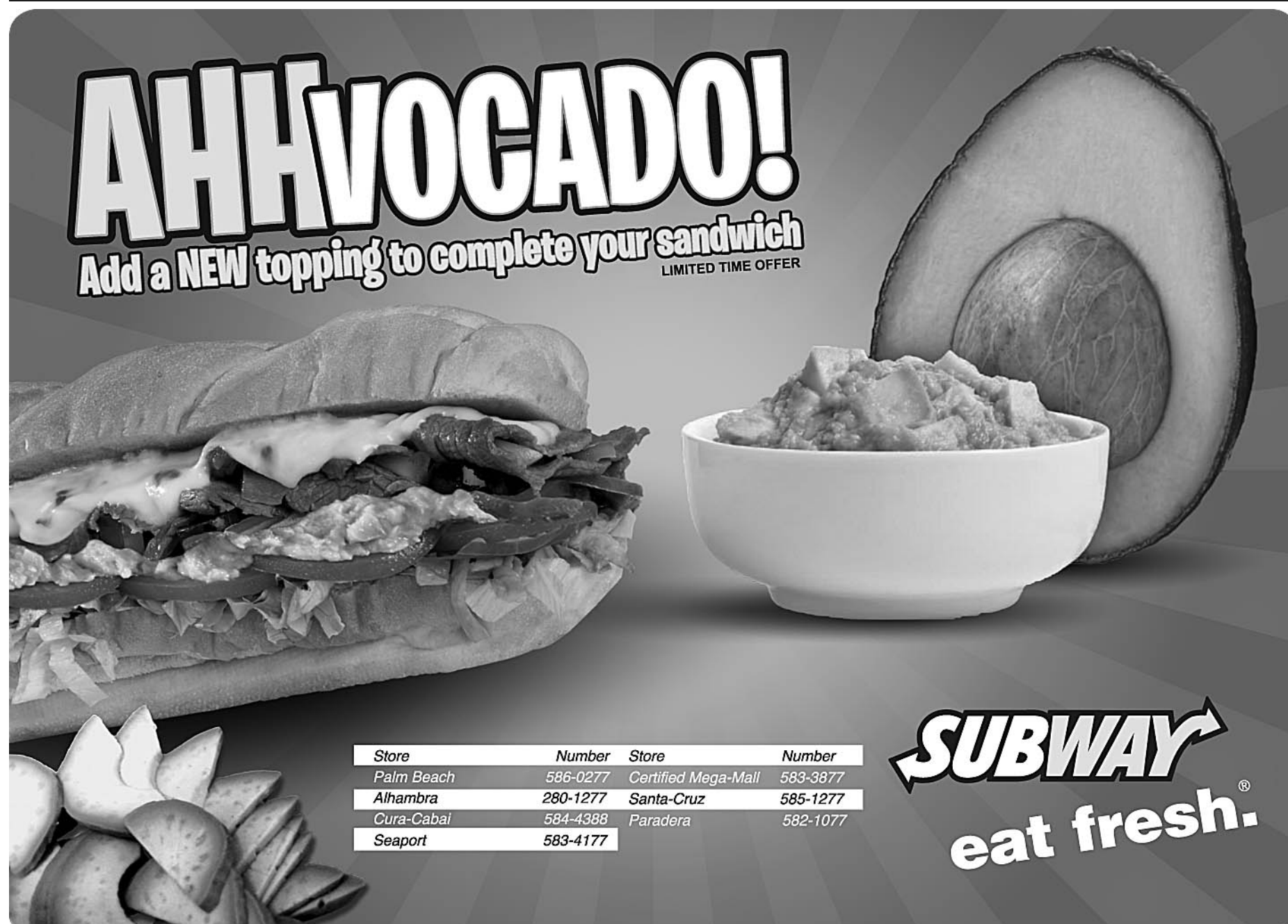
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report: Liberia's Charles Taylor worked for CIA

NEW YORK (AFP) - Liberia's Charles Taylor, the first African head of state to be prosecuted for war crimes by an international tribunal, used to work for the CIA, the Boston Globe newspaper reported this week.

The report, based on information uncovered through a freedom of information request made six years ago, said that Taylor had a relationship with the US spy agency for years, although the details of what he actually did were unclear.

"The Pentagon's response to the Globe states that the details of Taylor's role on behalf of the spy agencies are contained in dozens of secret reports -- at least 48 separate documents -- covering several decades. However, the exact duration and scope of the relationship remains hidden," the daily said.

The former Liberian president is awaiting the verdict in his war crimes trial at the Spe-

cial Court for Sierra Leone in The Netherlands.

He is accused on 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity on claims that he armed Sierra Leone's Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in exchange for illegally mined, so-called "blood diamonds."

The Sierra Leone civil war claimed some 120,000 lives in the 10 years to 2001, with RUF rebels, described by the prosecution as Taylor's "surrogate army," mutilating thousands of civilians by hacking off their limbs.

Taylor pleaded not guilty to all charges.

According to the report, he started working with the agency in the early 1980s. After he was indicted and left the presidency in 2003, he lived openly in Nigeria, which the United States considers a regional ally. He was finally handed over to the international court in 2006.

Dutch journalists face German trial for Nazi interview

BERLIN (AFP) - Two Dutch journalists accused of secretly filming an interview with a 90-year-old former SS assassin will stand trial next month on charges of breaching German privacy laws, a court said yesterday.

The two journalists, from Dutch current affairs program Een Vandaag, stand accused of recording the interview with Heinrich Boere using a hidden camera when he was in a nursing home in Eschweiler, western Germany.

A spokesman for the re-

gional court in nearby Aachen told AFP that the trial should begin on February 9 in Eschweiler.

"They could face three years in jail for revealing a conversation that should have remained private," the spokesman added.

Boere began a life sentence in December for shooting dead three civilians in Nazi-occupied Netherlands in 1944.

He confessed to shooting in cold blood pharmacist Fritz Bicknese, bicycle shop

owner Teunis de Groot and Frans-Willem Kusters.

But he argued that as a member of an SS commando unit tasked with killing suspected resistance members or supporters, he risked being sent to a concentration camp if he refused.

An expert had declared Boere -- who suffers from heart problems and is wheelchair-bound -- fit enough to begin his term provided certain medical care was provided.

Mozambique tropical storm kills five

MAPUTO (AFP) - Five people died and thousands were affected in the first tropical storm to hit southern Mozambique since 1984, an official said yesterday.

Tropical Storm Dando hit the southern African country from Sunday to Tuesday with gusts of up to 120 kilometers (75 miles) per hour and rainfall of over 200 millimeters (7.8 inches).

It has since dissipated, leaving behind destruction and flooding.

Heavy rains this week have pounded the northern part of neighbouring South Africa, causing a downflow into Mozambique that pushed the Komati, Magude and Goba rivers above alert levels, according to the National Water Directorate.

Since Tuesday Mozam-

bique's southern dam Massingir has pushed discharges from 25 cubic meters per second to 5,200 cubic meters per second yesterday.

According to National Institute of Meteorology (INAM) spokesperson Sergio Buque rainfall would slow down in the south but increase in the center and north because of a low pressure system over the Mozambique Channel.

Health & Living

UN sees 'massive' fall in South Africa AIDS cases

GENEVA (AFP) - South Africa, home to the highest number of HIV cases in the world, should see a massive reduction by the end of the decade after a sea-change in government policy, a UNAIDS official said Thursday.

"It now has more people with HIV infections than any country in the world, with 5.6 million. That is because a lack of political commitment before," said Sheila Tlou, UNAIDS regional director for East and Southern Africa.

"However there is a turnaround in the new government under President (Jacob) Zuma which is committed," in its fight against HIV and AIDS, she said. "By 2020 there will be massive reductions in South Africa."

Zuma, who has dramatically expanded South Africa's AIDS treatment programme since taking office in 2009, last month unveiled a plan to halve the number of HIV infections over the next five years.

The five-year plan is the first drafted since the 2008 ouster of president Thabo Mbeki and his health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, known as Dr Beetroot for advocating vegetables rather medication to treat AIDS.

Tlou said East and Southern Africa was known as "the centre of the epidemic" because of the 34 million people living with HIV in the world, almost three quarters live in that region.

"One of our targets is to reduce new infections by 50 percent," by 2015 she told a press conference in Geneva.

But Tlou noted that recent reductions in the commitment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria which assists UNAIDS could have a negative impact on the fight against the disease.

"There has been quite a lot of progress since 1997 with a 25 percent reduction in new infections in our region," said Tlou, a nursing professor and a former Botswana minister of health based in Johannesburg.

Steve Kraus, UNAIDS director for Asia and the Pacific, said important progress has been made in big countries such as China, India and Indonesia and in smaller countries such as Fiji and Samoa.

Kraus said China has adopted a policy of zero tolerance to HIV. This was later adopted by the 10 ASEAN nations.

"China is increasingly funding its national response (to HIV) and added \$1 billion in 2011. Thailand is another country doing this," he said.

Asked about the veracity of Chinese data, Kraus said, "In China the data is a lot better today than yesterday," adding that improving is a constant process. "It is like searching for the holy grail to keep improving."



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Back-street abortions on the rise, global report warns

(AFP) - A long-term fall in the global abortion rate has tapered off and the number of unsafe pregnancy terminations is rising worryingly, according to a report published by The Lancet on Thursday.

Between 1995 and 2003, the number of abortions around the world for every 1,000 women aged between 15 and 44 fell from 35 to 29.

But in 2008, the rate was almost unchanged, at 28 per 1,000, due to a surge in abortions in developing countries.

The Lancet report also highlighted a dramatic increase in the proportion of unsafe abortions.

This rose from 44 percent of the total in 1995 to nearly one in two -- 49 percent -- in 2008, inflicting a traumatic toll in death and injury.

"The declining abortion trend we had seen globally has stalled, and we are also seeing a growing proportion of abortions occurring in developing countries, where the procedure is often clandestine and unsafe," said Gilda Sedgh of the Guttmacher Institute in New York.

The UN World Health Organisation (WHO) defines unsafe abortion as a pregnancy termination performed by an individual lacking the necessary skills, or in an environment that does not conform to minimal medical standards or both.

Around the world, unsafe abortions accounted for 220 deaths per 100,000 procedures in 2008 -- 35 times the rate for legal abortions in the United States -- and for nearly one in seven of all maternal deaths.

Each year, around 8.5 million women in developing countries encounter abortion complications that are so seri-

ous they need medical care.

The report also sounded the alarm over widening abuse of a drug called misoprostol.

Primarily intended as a treatment for gastric ulcers, the drug is also licensed in France, Spain and half a dozen other countries for pregnancy termination.

It is now increasingly being used illegally in countries where there are restrictive laws on abortion, says the investigation. Incorrect doses are leading to complications such as prolonged and heavy bleeding and incomplete abortions.

In overall terms, there were 43.8 million abortions in 2008, up by 2.2 million from 2003, said the paper.

Researchers attributed this to the continuing rise in the world's population and to less use of contraception, especially in developing countries, which now account for more than three-quarters of all abortions.

Expressed as a percentage of the population of fertile women, the rate of abortions remained largely unchanged.

Eastern Europe -- where under a Communist-era legacy, terminations are freely available but contraceptive use still lags -- had the most abortions of any regions, with 43 per 1,000 women in 2008.

This was followed by the Caribbean (39 per 1,000), eastern Africa (38), central Africa and Southeast Asia (36).

The lowest abortion rates were in western Europe (12 per 1,000 women), southern Africa (15), Oceania (17), northern Africa (18) and North



America (19).

For unsafe abortions, the riskiest regions were Central and South America and central and western Africa, where 100 percent of all pregnancy terminations fell into this category.

In western Europe and North America more than 99.5 percent of abortions were deemed safe.

In Asia, the picture was mixed. In East Asia, fewer than 0.5 percent of abortions were unsafe, but in south-central Asia, the share was 65 percent.

The study is based on two sources of data, with 2008 the latest year for which complete and reliable statistics were available. Safe abortion estimates came mainly from official statistics and surveys considered to be representative of a country; unsafe abortion estimates were based on published studies, hospital records and surveys of women.



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Permafrost bacteria may slow down ageing: scientists



(AFP) - A hardy type of bacteria recently discovered in the permafrost of Siberia could help slow down the ageing process, Russian scientists claimed this week.

The species of bacteria -- given the name *Bacillus F* -- was found in laboratory tests to have shown signs of slowing down the process of ageing on mice, the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAN) said.

The Siberian branch of the RAN said *Bacillus F* lags 3 million years behind similar bacteria in evolutionary terms, according to the characteristics of proteins and some other factors.

"Taking into consideration the unusual living environment, one can only marvel at the resilience of these bacteria," it said.

It added that the organisms found in Russia's northern region of Yakutia -- home to the coldest inhabited area on the planet -- reproduce at just 5 degrees Celsius.

"We just thought: since the

bacteria were found in the permafrost where they were successfully preserved they will possibly have mechanisms of retaining viability," added Nadezhda Mironova, senior research scientist at the Institute of Chemical Biology and Fundamental Medicine of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

"This is what happened," she was quoted as saying.

Injections of the bacteria into mice have helped boost the natural defences of the animals as they grew older.

"*Bacillus F* injections have favourably affected the quality of being of the aging animals," the Russian scientists said.

"First and foremost, this concerns immunity and the speed of its activation."

Experiments have shown that metabolism in the tested mice have increased by 20 to 30 percent, the scientists said, adding that the bacterium may also reduce instances of senile blindness but not the emergence of tumours.

The Russian Academy of Sciences did not say how many mice were tested, adding more animals were needed for the experiments to be more reliable. The mice from a test group lived longer than those in a control group however, it said, calling the results "impressive."

Sci-Tech

New Facebook apps let users share key events

(AFP) - Social media giant Facebook released dozens of new applications to let users catalogue every aspect of their lives, from movies to books to food to fashion, and share them with friends.

"Whatever you love, whatever story it is you want to tell, you can add that to your timeline," said Carl Sjogreen, director of platform products for Facebook.

The initial batch of some 60 "apps" included contributions from companies such as Foodspotting, Rotten Tomatoes, Pinterest, TripAdvisor and e-reader Kobo.

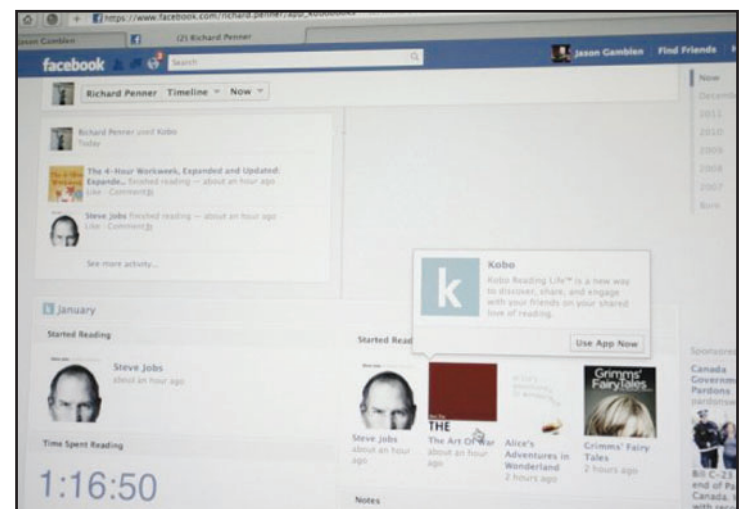
The handful of companies present at the rollout event in San Francisco pitched their apps as a way to allow users to more fully integrate their social experiences outside of Facebook into their social networking profile.

Someone reading an e-book from Kobo, for example, could highlight passages they want to share with Facebook friends. The app also will automatically track which books they have finished or started reading and connect them with other Facebook users reading the same books.

Richard Penner of Kobo said the company views books as a social experience and believes that is what its customers want too. "We believe users want to engage with each other," he said.

It was a theme echoed by almost all developers who gathered in a chic, softly lit downtown lounge to show off their apps: it's no longer enough to simply allow users to "like" a book or a pair of jeans; an entire social experience should be created around everyday habits.

With the app from



Foodspotting, food connoisseurs can easily share their love of a particularly delicious cheeseburger or just let friends know they tried an avocado roll at a new sushi place everyone is talking about.

"It gives extra context to friends," said Foodspotting spokeswoman Fiona Tang.

Developers were quick to emphasize user control over which actions appear on Facebook -- an issue that has prompted concern among some privacy rights advocates since the apps were first announced last year.

Users initially must give each individual app permission to track their cheeseburger and novel habits. After that, their actions are automatically -- or "frictionlessly," as Facebook likes to say -- fed back to Facebook.

In some cases, the actions by users also appear on outside websites to show friends which movies they watched or which articles they read on a site.

Bryan Estrada of Rotten Tomatoes said users receive reminders when they perform actions -- like rating a movie -- that are recorded onto their Facebook tickers for the world to see.

Users can then choose to delete the action from Facebook if, for example, they would rather not share their love of Twilight vampire

movies.

The app provides "another level of engagement" for Rotten Tomatoes users, Estrada said. "It's pretty exciting."

Ben Silbermann, chief executive officer and co-founder of Pinterest, a site that allows users to create organized collections of virtually any information, said users can easily keep their collections of Star Wars memorabilia private if they want.

His wife used the site to plan their wedding, he said, and "might not have wanted everyone to see the bridesmaid dresses."

Over time, the apps will track almost any aspect of life users prefer -- from cappuccinos to world travels -- and catalogue them into the Facebook "Timeline," a new feature that essentially turns a personal profile into a virtual scrapbook.

With Timeline, Facebook users can easily scroll through years of events to see where a friend spent spring break in 2005, for example, or if they ever uploaded photos from a study-abroad semester in Paris.

Sjogreen of Facebook said that in addition to the roughly 60 apps released Wednesday evening, the company plans to approve more apps from developers that want to integrate with the social media giant.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Sjogreen said.




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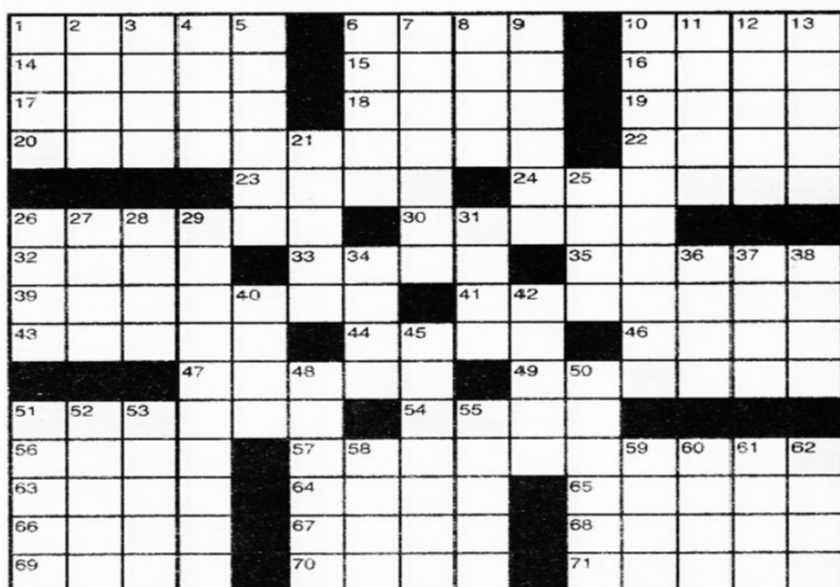
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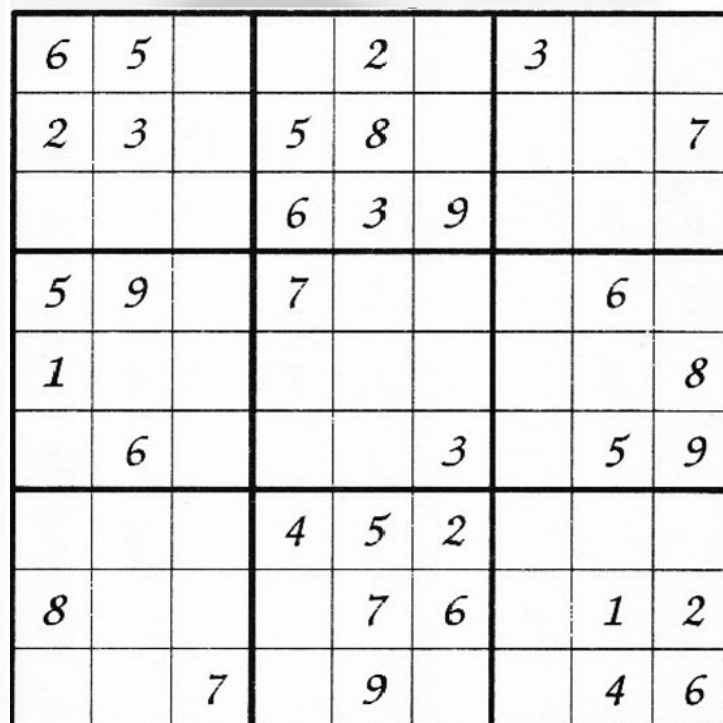
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Finance

Photo pioneer Kodak files for bankruptcy

NEW YORK (AFP) - Century-old photography pioneer Eastman Kodak, which brought photography to the masses, filed for bankruptcy early yesterday, succumbing to a 15 year digital assault by rivals.

The company hopes that seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection will give it time to reorganize its businesses -- and possibly sell off its valuable patent portfolio -- to avoid being shut down entirely.

"The Board of Directors and the entire senior management team unanimously believe that this is a necessary step and the right thing to do for the future of Kodak," CEO Antonio Perez said in a statement.

"Our goal is to maximize value for stakeholders, including our employees, retirees, creditors, and pension trustees. We are also committed to working with our valued customers," he added.

The company said it had sufficient liquidity to continue operating normally and paying employees during the Chapter 11 bankruptcy process. Its foreign subsidiaries were not subject to the proceedings, it added.



The company will keep operating with the aid of a \$950 million credit facility from Citigroup, aiming to emerge in a more competitive position during 2013. But the bankruptcy placed the jobs of Kodak's 19,000 remaining employees in question.

Once part of the 30 Dow Jones blue chips of the New York Stock Exchange, Kodak's shares were suspended yesterday and the NYSE said it would be delisted in view of the bankruptcy filing.

Kodak shares had traded below \$1.00 since early De-

cember amid speculation over a possible bankruptcy filing.

The Rochester, New York-based company, started in 1892, led the way in popularizing the cameras, film, slide projectors and home videos that preserved the memories of generations of Americans and others around the world.

At its height in the 1980s, it had 145,000 workers. But it has struggled in the age of digital cameras, and years of poor performance had already forced it to lay off 47,000 employees and close 13 manufacturing plants and some 130 processing labs since 2003.

The company has sought for months to avoid entering a Chapter 11 reorganization by selling off some of its valuable library of patents.

But that strategy failed, with analysts saying potential buyers saw a possibility of getting hold of Kodak's intellectual property at cheaper prices after it went bankrupt.

Bailouts only for states signing EU budget treaty

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Bailouts will only be offered to European governments that ratify a new budget pact aimed at avoiding a repeat of the eurozone debt crisis, according to a new draft of the treaty seen by AFP yesterday.

"The granting of assistance in the framework of new programs under the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) will be conditional, as of 1 March 2013, on the ratification of this treaty," according to the draft, seen 11 days before an EU summit due to approve the document.

Negotiators working on a

pact to be signed by 26 of the 27 European Union states -- with Britain remaining odd man out -- toughened up the treaty in many respects ahead of planned talks between finance ministers from all 27 states, including Britain, late Monday in Brussels.

The text spells out for the first time that no loans will be made to governments that refuse to sign up to the pact obliging states to adhere to broadly balanced budgets -- allowing only minor deficits, and this only in exceptional circumstances.

US jobless claims tumble to three-year low

WASHINGTON (AFP) - New claims for US unemployment benefits fell sharply last week to the lowest level in more than three years, official data showed yesterday, confirming recent signs of healing in the labor market.

Initial jobless claims dropped to 352,000 in the week ending January 14, a decline of 50,000 from the prior week's revised figure of 402,000, the Labor Department said.

It was the lowest number of new claims, an indicator of layoffs, since April 2008, when the economy was a few months into recession.

The latest weekly reading marked a return to an overall declining trend since claims were stuck above the 400,000 level in October.

The four-week moving average, which helps to smooth week-to-week volatility, fell to 379,000, down by 3,500 claims from the previous week.

The US unemployment rate fell for the fourth straight month in December, to 8.5 percent, and jobs creation picked up, with a net 200,000 positions added as the economy slowly recovers from the 2007-2009 recession.

GM set to retake top spot in global sales

WASHINGTON (AFP) - General Motors yesterday reported global vehicle sales of more than nine million last year, a tally that could return the US automaker to the top rank in the automotive industry.

GM said it had sold 9.03 million vehicles in 2011, a jump of 7.6 percent compared with 2010.

Japanese rival Toyota, which took the number-one global title from GM several years ago, has not yet reported its annual sales figures, but it has estimated a decline of six percent to 7.9 million units.

To date, Volkswagen has taken the number-two spot after reporting sales of 8.16 million vehicles last year.

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SAC announces: Last day to inscribe for Mrs. Carnaval is tomorrow until 2 p.m.!



Mrs. Carnaval 2008 Sulaika Bareño

SAC, Aruba's Carnival Organization wishes to inform all organizations, schools, and Carnival groups that the last day to inscribe for Mrs. Carnaval is this Saturday, January 21st. At 2 p.m. inscription will be closed

and the lineup will be announced. At the moment only 2 candidates have signed up at SAC's Office. They are Mrs. Pricilla Carolina Hernandez, representing Aruba Trading and Exine Joella Kock representing Harley Davidson.

So all organizations remember deadline is Saturday January 21st at 2 p.m. The Election will take place on January 27th, 8 p.m. at Aruba Entertainment Center.

SAC also want to remind all organizations who has a Childrens, Youth, Carnival or Mrs. Carnaval Queen representing them to inscribe officially at SAC's Office so they can receive their pass to enter Joe Laveist Ballpark during the children's & Youth Calypso and Roadmarch Contest free of charge.

Oscars foreign film shortlist includes Iran winner

(AFP) - Oscars organizers unveiled a shortlist of nine foreign language movies vying for an Academy Award next month, including an Iranian film which won a Golden Globe at the weekend.

The list, which also includes films from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Morocco, Poland and Taiwan, will be reduced to five nominees by next week, when all nominations for the February 26 Oscars show are announced.

"A Separation" by Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi won the best foreign language film at the Golden Globe awards on Sunday.

The Iranian win was welcomed by Iranians and by authorities in the Islamic republic.

Iran's government initially slapped a ban on the movie as it was being made because Farhadi voiced support for fellow filmmakers labeled by authorities as "anti-regime".

But, following an apology from Farhadi that permitted "A Separation" to be completed, Tehran has come to embrace the movie, strengthening sup-

port for it as it picked up award after award in international festivals.

For the Oscars, a committee of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences screened 63 movies between mid-October and January 13, before deciding on the final five-strong shortlist.

Further committee meetings will be held in Los Angeles and New York over this coming weekend, before the nominations are announced next Tuesday, January 24.

The selected films are:

- Belgium: "Bullhead," directed by Michael R. Roskam.
- Canada: "Monsieur Lazhar,"

directed by Philippe Falardeau.

- Denmark: "Superclásico," directed by Ole Christian Madsen.

- Germany: "Pina," directed by Wim Wenders.

- Iran: "A Separation," directed by Asghar Farhadi.

- Israel: "Footnote," directed by Joseph Cedar.

- Morocco: "Omar Killed Me," directed by Roschdy Zem.

- Poland: "In Darkness," directed by Agnieszka Holland.

- Taiwan: "Warriors of the Rainbow: Seediq Bale," directed by Wei Te-sheng.



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Friday Jan. 20: * Jump Up - Oranjestad - 7:30 p.m.

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Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what



Rosie and Aaron love their burger too



Gouda Burger 2

they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are

made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

Football: First blood to Barca against Real in Cup



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (C) vies for the ball with Real Madrid's Portuguese defender Ricardo Alberto Carvalho (L) and Real Madrid's German born Turkish midfielder Hamit Altintop during the Spanish Cup "El clasico" football match.

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona came from behind to beat holders Real Madrid 2-1 in the first leg of an increasingly bad-tempered Spanish Cup quarter-final in the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday.

Second half goals from veteran defenders Carles Puyol and Eric Abidal overturned a half-time Madrid lead for whom Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo scored.

It was the third victory in twelve months for the Catalans in the stadium of their biggest rival.

Pep Guardiola is yet to lose in the Bernabeu in four seasons in charge and his team appear to have a psychological advantage over 'los blancos'.

Afterwards Guardiola was happy with the victory and looked towards the second leg.

"We played really well tonight, controlled the game and apart from their goal reduced Madrid to the one header from (Karim) Benzema, but because of their quality anything can happen next week so we'll go home and prepare for that and the league game at the weekend," he said.

Madrid coach Jose Mourinho was less satisfied.

"I did not expect to lose a goal to a dead ball as we did, we were winning 1-0 and at that stage it was a bad result for Barca, it was a bad goal to concede. Psychologically it hurt us and Barca took control of the game from then on," he said.

"The tie is now difficult for us, it's still open, but difficult."

Mourinho surprised all with an unfamiliar side employing both Karim Benzema and Gonzalo Higuain in attack, while at the back playing the rarely used Hamit Altintop and Ricardo Carvalho who was playing his first game since September.

Both teams started very cautiously with Madrid happy to allow Barca possession in deep positions and when the first attack came on 11 minutes it was to bring the first goal of the evening.

Set free by Benzema, Ronaldo produced a stinging left footed drive from the left hand side of the penalty area that Jose Pinto, Barca's regular goalkeeper ahead of Victor Valdes in the Spanish Cup, could perhaps have dealt better with.

The game suddenly burst into life, Andres Iniesta brought a save from Iker Casillas with a long range shot on 13 minutes and three minutes later Cesc Fabregas found Alexis Sanchez in space only for the Chilean to head onto the bar with Casillas stranded.

At the other end Abidal had to make a last ditch block to stop Ronaldo reaching Benzema with the goal at his

mercy, then Lionel Messi burst forward for Barca and forced a near post save from Casillas.

Iniesta should have tested Casillas on 30 minutes from close range after Sanchez played him into a great position.

By this stage Barcelona were possessing the ball in deeper positions and Madrid were counter attacking quickly on the break to make the game an open affair.

Barca were finally level three minutes into the second period when captain Puyol got free from his marker Pepe to head home a Xavi corner.

Iniesta went close again on 54 minutes after a quick exchange of passes with Xavi and two minutes later Benzema hit the post for Madrid when found with a sweeping right wing cross from Altintop.

By the hour mark Barca's short passing game was allowing them to control the tie and Mourinho made some changes introducing Jose Callejon and Mesut Ozil.

Pepe should have seen his second yellow card of the night for an off the ball stamp on the hand of a prostrate Messi on 69 minutes.

However it took more than the dark arts to keep down the irrepressible Argentinian and it was he that conjured up the pass on 77 minutes that found Abidal inside and with the time and space to prod the ball home to win the tie.

A familiar silence came down over the Santiago Bernabeu, the home fans had seen it all before and although Madrid tried sporadically for a way back into the game Barca rarely ceded them the ball.

Meanwhile Real Madrid defender Pepe Thursday apologised for stamping on Barcelona striker Leo Messi's hand in their cup clash and said it was "unintentional", in comments published by his club.

"I was an unintentional act. All the same, if Messi was offended then I apologise to him," Pepe said in a statement published in Spanish on Real Madrid's website.

Pepe's stamp on a prostrate Messi in the Spanish Cup quarter-final clash at Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium on Wednesday, Pepe was lashed as a "world disgrace" and a "public danger" by Spain's press on Thursday.

"All I mean to do is defend my team and my institution. I give myself to it body and soul. It never crossed my mind to hurt a fellow professional," Pepe added.



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Football: FIFA eyes \$200m profit from 2014 World Cup



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - World football's governing body FIFA is hoping to achieve a profit of \$200 million (155 million euros) during the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke said on Thursday.

"The 2014 World Cup should bring in \$3,500 million, while expenditure should reach \$3,300 million in the same period. FIFA will thus achieve a positive result of \$200 million," estimated Valcke.

This figure is below the estimated \$4,100m generated during the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

"Eighty percent of the money we receive goes back into football in the form of financial aid," said Valcke, who is undertaking the first of six visits planned this year to check on the progress of preparations for the 2014 tournament.

Valcke expressed his confidence that all 12 stadia will be ready despite delays that led to claims by former World Cup winner Romario that two of the venues might have to be scrapped.

Valcke said: "If you ask me: 'Is Brazil ready? Will it be ready for 2014?', they don't have a choice."

Asked whether Brazil will be able to play at least one match at the fabled Maracana Stadium, Valcke said: "It will be possible if Brazil reach the final. It's a good motivation."

While acknowledging that it was "possible" to change the programme, Valcke proved unenthusiastic given the time it takes to establish the calendar.

Rio de Janeiro will host four pool matches but none featuring Brazil and whatever their standing after the group phase, the hosts will not play any of the subsequent rounds at the Maracana unless they reach the final.

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NBA: 'Big Shot' Billups drains last-second winner



Chauncey Billups, right, shoots and hits a three point shot in the last few seconds of their game against the Dallas Mavericks

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Chauncey Billups drained a game-winning three-pointer with just one second remaining as the Los Angeles Clippers edged the reigning NBA champion Dallas Mavericks 91-89 on Wednesday.

Billups, who is nicknamed Mr Big Shot, started the play with an inbound pass to Blake Griffin who dished it back to a wide-open Billups on the right side for last-second, three-point dagger.

"Big Shot. He relishes those moments," said Clippers point guard Mo Williams.

The Clippers led for the entire fourth quarter before the lead changed hands twice in the final 10 seconds in front of a crowd of 19,252 at Staples Center arena.

Dallas appeared to be headed to a victory after Mavericks guard Jason Terry nailed a three-pointer with five seconds left to give Dallas a one point lead, 89-88.

But the Clippers made the most of their next possession as Billups and Griffin worked the give-and-go to perfection.

"I thought Blake made a great read," Billups said. "And I made a good shot. You play the world champs and you come out and you scrap and you claw and you come out with a win."

Williams had a team-high 26 points and Griffin had 14 points for the Clippers, who beat the Mavericks for the first time in over three years, having lost against them 10 times in a row.

It was the third game in as many nights for Los Angeles who also got 19 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots from centre DeAndre Jordan.

Germany's Dirk Nowitzki had 17 points and forward Shawn Marion finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks.

The Clippers were playing without star point guard Chris Paul, who has been sidelined with a strained left hamstring, for a third straight game.

This was the second heart-breaking loss in a row for the Mavericks at Staples Center. On Monday, Los Angeles Lakers Derek Fisher nailed a three-pointer with 3.1 seconds left for a 73-70 victory.

Like Billups, Fisher has made a habit of hitting clutch game-winning shots throughout his NBA career.

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Baseball: Manager says \$112 mn Darvish too cheap


TOKYO (AFP) - The manager of the most expensive Japanese baseball player ever said Thursday that his American purchasers -- who are paying almost \$112 million for his services -- had got a bargain.

Star Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish, who plays for the Sapporo-based Nippon Ham Fighters, signed a six-year deal to join the Texas Rangers just before a deadline expired Wednesday in the US (Thursday morning in Japan).


Darvish, 25, who has an Iranian father and a Japanese mother, has twice been named

the Pacific League's Most Valuable Player and fans mourned his departure, while praising his talents and wishing him well in the US major leagues.

The Rangers will pay the Fighters a \$51.7 million fee for the move, and Darvish himself an annual salary of \$10 million, surpassing the sums involved when pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka signed with the Boston Red Sox in 2006. Even so, Fighters manager Hideki Kuriyama told Japanese media Darvish was underpriced.



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"He is a pitcher who deserves more," he said in Sapporo. "As a person who has been following the majors closely, I want to say he is bet-

ter than that."

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Tennis: Djokovic, Murray stroll as Roddick out



Andy Murray of Britain plays a stroke during his men's singles match against Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France on the fourth day of the Australian Open.

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray hit top gear on Thursday as warhorse Lleyton Hewitt capitalised on Andy Roddick's retirement to reach the third round.

Serena Williams was also at her destructive best with Petra Kvitova the only top seed given trouble on day four. And Hewitt was handed easy passage when Roddick strained a hamstring, ending the clash of the old stagers.

"It's a nightmare for both of us," said Hewitt, who was leading the night match 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 when Roddick called it quits. "He stretched something high in his leg and it was hard for me to concentrate at the other end."

"You know Andy is hurting and you try to block it out of your mind and it's hard to do. Without sounding too mean,

you try to run him around a lot more."

The one-time world number one, still battling on despite five major operations in the past four years, now faces another big server in Canada's Milos Raonic.

But the despondent Roddick, who tried to play on after injuring his right hamstring tendon in the second set, said he would probably be out for three weeks.

"You can try to ham and egg it against a lot of guys. But he's really intelligent. He knew what was going on," said the American.

"Then you're out there and you're wondering, listen, even if this goes your way, you're not going to play in two days. So it's a miserable, terrible thing being out there compromised like that. It really sucks."

Djokovic has been in commanding form at the year's first major as he bids to repeat last season's astonishing haul of three grand slams among 10 titles, with a 41-match winning streak along the way.

And the Serb expended little energy in his 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 hit-out against Colombia's Santiago Giraldo as he speeds towards an expected semi-final with Murray, his victim in last year's title match.

"I try to not underestimate any opponents in early rounds," Djokovic said.

"Santiago came out early hitting the ball quite flat. But I knew that sooner or later he's going to drop the rhythm and I just have to hang in there. I've done a good job," he

added.

Two-time finalist Murray, whose new coach Ivan Lendl sat swathed in a towel against the evening chill, raced through the first set in just 23 minutes as he beat France's Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Williams brought up her 500th career win, against Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, to keep up her record of reaching the third round in every grand slam she has entered apart from her debut, in Melbourne in 1998.

"It's fine, I just have really wobbly ankles," she said, after falling heavily in the last game. "I wasn't meant to be a ballerina."

Second seed Kvitova had a trickier assignment against Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro, but she kept her frustrations in check to survive a mid-match lapse 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Meanwhile former champion Maria Sharapova made it two wins for the loss of just two games, and 2008 French Open winner Ana Ivanovic also strolled through to the weekend round.

Resurgent Sharapova, the 2008 winner, made light of her total lack of competitive tennis this year as she thrashed US qualifier Jamie Hampton 6-0, 6-1, after dispatching Giselo Dulko by an identical score in the first round.


Former finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga went through in straight sets against Ricardo Mello but fifth-seeded baseliner David Ferrer, who reached the semis last year, needed five to beat American Ryan Sweeting.

Gael Monfils ousted Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci, Julien Benneteau dispatched fellow Frenchman Gilles Simon, and Canada's Milos Raonic wielded his huge serve as he downed Germany's Philipp Petzschner 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Among the other women's results, China's Zheng Jie upset Italian seed Roberta Vinci in straight sets and Sara Errani accounted for Nadia Petrova.


And players shrugged off Marcos Baghdatis's extraordinary tantrum, in which he smashed four racquets during his loss to Stanislas Wawrinka late on Wednesday and was fined US\$800.

"You know, sometimes you get angry and it's difficult to control yourself. But, I mean, one, it can happen. Four, it's a lot," smiled Tsonga.



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Olympics: 25,000 troops and police to protect London

LONDON (AFP) - Around 25,000 troops and police officers will be deployed in London during the Olympic Games to prevent attacks, a Scotland Yard official told AFP on Thursday.

"The whole purpose of our policing operation is to try and deter terrorists, to deter those who wish to do ill to the Games," Assistant Commissioner Chris Allison said during a security demonstration on the River Thames.

Around 100 Royal Marines and 50 police officers rehearsed a series of drills in patrol boats as a Lynx Navy helicopter flew ahead.

The drills, which the Met-

ropolitan Police said would continue for a week, are aimed at familiarising troops and police ahead of the summer -- when Britain will launch its biggest ever peace-time security operation.

Major Paul Stitson of the Royal Marines said the police and military were working closely together.

"We have been developing our local knowledge and assessing threats," he said. "We always prepare for the unknown."

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